(d) Due to delicensing of most plastic resins, complete data on the unit-wise installed capacity, market share, etc. are not available. However, details of production and installed capacity on respect of some major resins are given below:

	Production (April—December, 1993)	Installed Capacity (1992-93)
(1) LDPE	122933	192000
(2) HDPE/LLDPE	169728	345000
(3) PS	28607	40000
(4) PP (incl. co-polymers)	60520	115000
(5) PVC	263018	283240

(All figures in Metric tonnes)

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) These resins are used in the manufacture of water tanks, stretch cling film, injection moulded items containers, automobile components, synthetic woven sacks and various other applications.

(g) and (h) Manufacturers of plastic articles had sought for reduction in customs and excise duty on certain resins in order to reduce their costs increase competitiveness, etc. These repesentations as well as those from other sectors of the industry were considered as part of the Budget exercise for the year 1994-95 and certain changes in duty rates have been made. On the customs side, the duty on all resins which were attracting an import duty higher than 65 per cent ad valorem before the Union Budget, 1994-95 has been reduced to 65 per cent and excise duty on bulk polymers has been reduced from 35 per cent ad valorem to 30 per cent ad valorem.

Fradulent deals between share brokers and Allahabad Bank

2686. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigation has been completed on fraudulent deals entered into share brokers and Allahabad Bank, Kanpur Branch;

(b) whether similar frauds were committed with the Punjab National Bank branches in Kanpur; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Punjab National Bank has reported that a fraud has taken place at its Stok Exchange Branch, Kanpur, where the Branch Manager had allowed withdrawls against uncleared cheques in two current accounts. The cheques were subsequently received back unpaid which resulted in clean overdraft to the extent of Rs. 124.54 lakhs. The bank has further reported that F.I.R. has been lodged against one of the parties. The bank has also placed the concerned Branch Manager under suspension.